



**SPAY NEUTER  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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*2008 Annual Report*

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*SNAP's mission is to eliminate the need for euthanasia in our community's animal shelters, to reduce the number of homeless animals, and to educate the public about the importance of spay/neuter.*



**2008 Overview**

SNAP had another successful year in 2008 as we partnered with over 40 veterinarians in the Ozarks to provide discounted spay/neuter services. A total of 1,672 spay/neuter certificates were issued. The breakdown went like this:

- 322 female dogs
- 207 male dogs
- 713 female cats
- 430 male cats

We serve six counties in southwest Missouri: Greene, Christian, Webster, Dallas, Polk, and Lawrence.



**The Year Behind, the Year Ahead**

It took many people to make 2008 another successful year for SNAP. Our dedicated volunteers gave literally thousands of hours of time, and our network of veterinarians continued to discount their services to help pet owners who could not otherwise afford to have their pets spayed or neutered. A huge thank you to everyone who was a part of SNAP in 2008!

The new year comes with many challenges, not the least of which is increased financial hardship for an even greater number of pet owners. With the continued support of many, SNAP will be able to continue providing much-needed services.



Here is our 2008 financial statement:

**Income**

Certificate sales	\$ 20970
Donations – canisters	\$ 2263
Donations – groups	\$ 6127
Donations – individuals	\$ 15747
Donations – other	\$ 2586
Grants	\$ 14160
Memberships	\$ 4234
Merchandise sales	\$ 3759
Sponsor-a-Spays	\$ 1650
Other revenue	\$ 623

**TOTAL INCOME \$ 72119**

**Expenses**

Education	\$ 758
Fees/licenses	\$ 1113
Postage	\$ 1077
Printing	\$ 343
Telephone	\$ 1815
Vet payments	\$ 56360
Other expenses	\$ 255

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 61721**

**Accomplishments**

With an all-volunteer staff, the daily work of SNAP can be challenging. But we persevered!

In addition to the daily operations, we managed to participate in numerous educational events throughout the year, including the Lakes Country Cat Show, ArfFest, ArtsFest, and Dog Fest. One of our board members was even able to attend a spay/neuter conference in Chicago and brought back a wealth of information about the latest models for effective use of spay/neuter resources.

We continued fundraising from a variety of methods in 2008. A group of SNAP volunteers made and sold nearly \$4,000 worth of handmade bandanas. Most of the sales took place at PetSmart, where volunteers staffed a table for more than 150 hours on Saturdays. We also received funds through donation canisters, memberships, and sponsor-a-spays.

SNAP received two grants in 2008. One was a \$10,000 grant from the Hazel Humphrey Foundation. We are using those funds to help pet owners who live in zip code 65803. We also received

\$4,160 from the DJ&T Foundation. This is a grant that reimburses our expenses for spay/neuter surgeries on medium to large dogs. We are in the second year of funding from DJ&T and look forward to a long and successful partnership.

Finally, we had a number of generous contributions from individuals in 2008. We are so grateful for these donations and will continue to be good stewards on behalf of all the dogs and cats throughout the Ozarks.

### **Challenges**

With no paid staff, volunteers performed all functions required to make 2008 a successful year. The economic conditions certainly increased the demand for services. However, as all nonprofits are aware, it is harder to get volunteers during times of economic stress. This was our most persistent test throughout 2008. By the end of the year, we were lucky enough to find several new dedicated volunteers and again ready to take on the challenges that lie ahead.



### **Finances**

Despite the poor economic conditions of 2008, it was a good year for SNAP. We believe donations have increased because we have earned a reputation in the community as a competent, professional organization. In addition, more people see the need to attack the pet overpopulation problem at its source and realize that targeted spay/neuter is the best tool available.